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### **Mohammed Ali Abdallah – Libyan Government Special Envoy to the United States**

Mohammed Ali Abdallah is the Special Envoy to the United States appointed by the Prime Minister of Libya. In addition, Mr. Abdallah currently serves as the Chairman of the Libyan Foreign Bank Management Committee. In this capacity, he is the primary point of contact for high-level US Government and Congressional officials regarding top-focus items in Libyan-US relations. With the formation of a new Government of National Unity (GNU), and due to the importance of elevating the required engagement between the United States and the new executive authority in Libya, the Prime Minister of Libya has decided to appoint a senior-level Special Envoy (SE) to the United States.

Mohammed became a leader within the Libyan Student Movement in exile, served in the Executive Committee of The General Union for the Students of Libya (GUSL) from 1992 to 1997.

Mr. Abdallah joined the political opposition to the Gaddafi regime in exile at a very young age, where he became an active member of The National Front for the Salvation of Libya (NFSL). As a young protégé in the organization, Mr. Abdallah was appointed to the NFSL's Permanent Bureau in August of 2002, and later to its Executive Committee in 2004. He was elected as the Deputy Secretary General of the NFSL in 2007. He was responsible for the NFSL's operations inside Libya from 2004 until the 2011 Revolution in Libya.

In 2012, during the first democratic elections held in Libya in over 4 decades, Mr. Abdallah won a seat in the General National Congress of Libya, where he was elected from the 9<sup>th</sup> District of Misrata (Libya's 3<sup>rd</sup> largest city). During his 2 year term, he served as the Chairman of the Financial Planning, Budget, and Finance oversight committee. In this role, Mr. Abdallah was instrumental in revising the development & operational budget process, as well as established a structure to de-centralize the financial spending, and introduced legislation that would pave the way to for the local government structure reform.

During his term in Congress, Mr. Abdallah served on the Telecommunications & Transportation committee, where he co-sponsored several legislative bills that aimed to establish a regulatory body for the Telecom sector, paving the way for more private investment in the sector.

He was the President of the National Front Party (3rd Largest Party in Libya) from 2012 - 2017.

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During the UN led political dialogue process (Skhirat), Mr. Abdallah served as a member of the Political Dialogue Committee, which led to the Libyan Political Agreement (LPA) at the end of 2015. He continued to play a significant role in the political dialogue amongst the different political factions, and helped de-escalate the conflicts that had hindered the the GNA Presidential Council from entering Tripoli in 2016. He continued to play a role in the ongoing negotiations to expand the consensus around the LPA & pave the path for political resolution that is needed in order to end the transitional process in Libya.

In 2019, Mr. Abdallah served as an advisor to the GNA government most recently being appointed as the Political Advisor the Prime Minister of the GNA for US Affairs. In this capacity, Mr. Abdallah will be spending time in the United States working to re-engage key decision makers in the US Administration to take a more significant & positive role towards a political resolution to the ongoing conflict in Libya.

During the UN led Libyan Political Dialogue Forum (LPDF) in 2020-21, Mr. Abdallah was instrumental in putting together a political coalition that led to the formation of the winning ticket headed by President Dr. Mohamed Menefi & Prime Minister Abdulhamid Dabaiba.